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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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4. Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD pursuant to paragraph 4 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Working Party at its ninth session

5. Provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Working Party

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7. Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, each subsidiary organ of the Board shall elect its own officers. In accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur of the Working Party, which is that of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing related to Trade, the Chairman of the Working Party at its twentieth session (the sixth of a seven-session cycle) shall be the representative of one of the States members of Group A (Africa) and the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur the representative of one of the States members of Group B.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Working Party, as appearing in section I above, was approved by the Working Party at its 94th meeting, on 16 February 1990.

In deciding upon the organization of work, the Working Party may wish to consider the suggestions contained in the tentative timetable annexed to the present document.

Item 3: Review of the UNCTAD section of the proposed United Nations programme budget for the biennium for 1992 - 1993

The Working Party will have before it, under cover of document TD/B/WP(XX)/Misc.1, a draft of the UNCTAD work programme in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992 - 1993. The proposed programme budget will be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its thirty-first session, and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Item 4: Report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD pursuant to paragraph 4 of the agreed conclusions adopted by the Working Party at its ninth session

In paragraph 4 of its agreed conclusions, the Working Party, at its ninth session, invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, inter alia, to keep the Working Party informed on economies as well as on redeployment of resources, including staff redeployment, that will be necessary to implement adequately the work progamme deriving from relevant resolutions and decisions taken by intergovernmental bodies and conferences. This item has been included in the agenda of the Working Party at all its subsequent sessions. The UNCTAD secretariat will report orally to the Working Party on any further developments in this regard.

Item 5: Provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Working Party

The UNCTAD secretariat will submit to the Working Party for its consideration, at its twentieth session, a draft provisional agenda for its twenty-first session.

Item 6: Other business

Item 7: Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

The report of the Working Party on its twentieth session will be considered by the Trade and Development Board at the first part of its thirty-eighth session.

In connection with the methods of work of the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD, the attention of the Working Party is drawn to the report of the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Working Group on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields (TD/B/1154).

Annex

Tentative timetable

Tuesday, 16 April 1991		
morning	Item 1	Election of officers
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 3	Review of the UNCTAD section of the proposed United Nations programme budget for the biennium for 1992 - 1993
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afternoon	Item 3	(continued - Informal meeting)
Wednesday, 17 April 1991		
morning	Item 3	(continued - Informal meeting)
afternoon	Item 3	(continued - Informal meeting)
Thursday, 18 April 1991		
morning	Item 3	(continued - Informal meeting)
afternoon	Item 3	(completed)
Friday, 19 April 1991		
morning	Time allowed to the Rapporteur for preparation of the draft report	
afternoon	Item 5	Provisional agenda for the twenty-first session of the Working Party
	Item 6	Other business
	Item 7	Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board